AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 11, and 21 are amended. Claims 2-10, 12-20, and 22-31 depend from independent claims 1, 11, and 21, respectively.

The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying alerts in a communication network, the method comprising:

receiving, at a first geographic location, an alert from a first device coupled to the communication network;

generating within a home, a message corresponding to said received alert; and

automatically routing said generated message to a location that is remote from said first geographic location, based on a prior authorization level of the first device established by a user command, wherein said routing is performed independently of a user location and prior to communicating said generated message to any device within said first geographic location.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising displaying said generated message along with a media broadcast on said television screen within said home.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising receiving an acknowledgment of said displayed message via a user selection.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, comprising receiving said acknowledgement via a remote control that controls functions for said television screen.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, comprising terminating display of said generated message upon said receiving of said acknowledgement.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said alert indicates a status of at least said first device and a second device.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein said first device is located outside said home and said second device is located within said home.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising receiving said alert via at least one of a wired and a wireless connection.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising displaying said generated message for a predetermined period of time.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising displaying said generated message in one or more of a pop-up window, a picture-in-picture (PIP) window and/or a banner on said television screen.

11. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for displaying alerts in a communication network, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

receiving, at a first geographic location, an alert from a first device coupled to the communication network;

generating within a home, a message corresponding to said received alert; and

automatically routing said generated message to a location that is remote from said first geographic location, based on a prior authorization level of the first device established by a user command, wherein said routing is performed independently of a

user location and prior to communicating said generated message to any device within said first geographic location.

12. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code that causes said generated message to be displayed along with a media broadcast on said television screen within said home.

13. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for receiving an acknowledgment of said displayed message via a user selection.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 13, comprising code for receiving said acknowledgement via a remote control that controls functions for said television screen.

15. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 13, comprising code for terminating display of said generated message upon said receiving of said acknowledgement.

16. (Original) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said alert indicates a status of at least said first device and a second device.

17. (Original) The machine-readable storage according to claim 16, wherein said first device is located outside said home and said second device is located within said home.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for receiving said alert via at least one of a wired and a wireless connection.

19. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising displaying said generated message for a predetermined period of time.

20. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code that causes said generated message to be displayed in one or more of a pop-up window, a picture-in-picture (PIP) window and/or a banner on said television screen.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying alerts in a communication network, the system comprising:

at least one processor that receives, at a first geographic location, an alert from a first device coupled to the communication network;

said at least one processor generates within a home, a message corresponding to said received alert; and

said at least one processor automatically routes said generated message to a location that is remote from said first geographic location, based on a prior authorization level of the first device established by a user command, wherein said routing is performed independently of a user location and prior to communicating said generated message to any device within said first geographic location.

22. (Original) The system according to claim 21, where said at least one processor causes said generated message to be displayed along with a media broadcast on said television screen within said home.

23. (Original) The system according to claim 21, where said at least one processor receives an acknowledgment of said displayed message via a user selection.

24. (Original) The system according to claim 23, where said at least one processor receives said acknowledgement via a remote control that controls functions for said television screen.

25. (Original) The system according to claim 23, where said at least one processor terminates display of said generated message upon said receiving of said acknowledgement.

26. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said alert indicates a status of at least said first device and a second device.

27. (Original) The system according to claim 26, wherein said first device is located outside said home and said second device is located within said home.

28. (Original) The system according to claim 21, where said at least one processor receives said alert via at least one of a wired and a wireless connection.

29. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor causes said generated message to be displayed for a predetermined period of time.

30. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, where said at least one processor causes said generated message to be displayed in one or more of a pop-up window, a picture-in-picture (PIP) window and/or a banner on said television screen.

31. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is one or more of a media processing system processor, a media management system processor, a computer processor, a media exchange software processor and/or a media peripheral processor.